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NORMAN OSBORN, ONCE THE GREEN GOBLIN, IS THE NEW POLITICAL AND MEDIA DARLING AND DIRECTOR OF H.A.M.M.E.R., THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE, WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

NORMAN HAS UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY AS... THE IRON PATRIOT, AND HAS MADE BOLD MOVES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO RECAST THE COUNTRY'S STATUS QUO INTO HIS IMAGE OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS–AN IMAGE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE MUTANT, MONSTER OR VIGILANTE.

THE MIGHTY THOR, GOD OF THUNDER, HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO EARTH AND BROUGHT THE GOLDEN CITY OF ASGARD AND ALL THE GODS WHO CALL IT HOME WITH HIM. ASGARD FLOATS JUST FEET ABOVE THE FIELDS OF BROXTON, OKLAHOMA.

WITH THE COAXING OF THOR'S BROTHER LOKI, NORMAN AIMS HIS SIGHTS ON ASGARD. AFTER MANUFACTURING AN INCIDENT THAT GIVES HIM AN EXCUSE TO INVADE, NORMAN DOES, IN FULL FORCE, BACKED BY HIS DARK AVENGERS, THE CORRUPTED CRIMINAL INITIATIVE TEAMS AND CONVENTIONAL H.A.M.M.E.R. FORCES–AND IN FRONT OF THE INVITED WORLD MEDIA.

NORMAN LED THE FIGHT AGAINST THOR AND, THOUGH HE DID OVERPOWER THE MIGHTY GOD OF THUNDER, ALL IT DID WAS ENRAGE THE NEWLY RESURRECTED CAPTAIN AMERICA, STEVE ROGERS.

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ARES!

EXPLAIN YOURSELF, GOD OF WAR!

I TAKE NO JOY IN THIS, BALDER. YOU BROUGHT THIS TO YOUR DOOR!

WHY WOULD YOU LEAD AN ATTACK OF SUCH MADNESS? WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS?

BECAUSE YOU'VE ALLOWED MADNESS TO REIGN.

WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT?

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE THRONE OF ODIN BEING NO MORE. ABOUT THOR BEING CAST OUT AND ASGARD IN THE MAD HANDS OF *LOKI.*

DID YOU THINK WE WOULD SIT BY AND DO NOTHING?!

YOU SPEAK ONLY HALF-TRUTHS!

IT WILL NOT STAND!

YOU HAVE *NO RIGHT!*

THIS IS OUR DECISION. ASGARD DOES NOT BELONG ON MIDGARD.

AND YET OUR FATHERS WILLED IT SO.

ARES, SON OF ZEUS...

YOU ARE MISTAKEN.

BALDER, SON OF ODIN, IS KING...OF ASGARD.

MIGHTY HEIMDALL.

I AM THE ALL-SEER, GOD OF WAR. THIS YOU KNOW...I SAY TO YOU THIS...

YOU'VE NOT... PROTECTED US FROM LOKI'S MADNESS... INSTEAD YOU'VE BROUGHT IT TO US.

I ONLY SPEAK TRUTH, ARES. HEAR MY WORDS AS YOUR FATHER DID BEFORE YOU...

...YOU HAVE MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE HERE.

OSBORN.

THOR.

MY NAME IS NORMAN OSBORN.

AND YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR TREASON AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

ASGARD IS NOW UNDER MY JURISDICTION.

DO NOT GET UP.

WOOF.

WE--WE ARE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM BROXTON, OKLAHOMA.

I HOPE YOU'RE HEARING THIS. I HOPE YOU'RE SEEING THIS. THE AIR HERE IS CRACKLING WITH ENERGY.

I CAN'T--I CAN'T FIND THE WORDS--THIS REPORTER CANNOT BELIEVE WHAT SHE IS SEEING...

THOR IS DOWN. WE'RE NOT SURE IF HE IS DEAD. (OR IF HE CAN EVEN DIE) BUT HE IS DOWN AND THE--

UH, YOU SEE THAT?

I WANT HIM TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND I WANT A FULL BATTALION OF--

INCOMING.

INCOM--?

BOOM

DON'T STOP!
HEAD RIGHT FOR IT!
SON OF A--
SHIELDS AT 33 PERCENT.
BOOM!!!
SHIELDS AT 11 PERCENT.
KA-@#$%-BOOM.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN, KID?
JASON!
JASON, LOAD THE BIG GUY INTO THE TRUCK AND I'LL BE YOUR BEST FRIEND.
WHICH ONE?
THE CUTE GOD-LOOKING ONE.
BUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDA
INITIALIZING EMERGENCY SOLAR SHIELD GENERATOR.
WHO IS THAT?
NO.
THAT'S-- UH, YEAH, THAT'S MARIA HILL!
IT'S HER. I GOT HER ON ZOOM.
WE HAVE JUST IDENTIFIED EX-S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMANDER MARIA HILL AS THE--
OH MY GOD! HE'S HEAVY.
JUST KEEP MOVING!
YOU CAN'T SHOOT INTANGIBLE, YOU DUMB @#$%!
DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT FUN.
BUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDA

YOUR PARDON, MILADY.

WHOA!

FLASH

MISTER... THOR?

I'M MARIA HILL. I'M A FRIEND OF TONY STARK AND, UH, DON BLAKE AND...

I KNOW YOU, FAIR LADY.

CAN YOU FLY?

NOT-- MMRR--AT THIS MOMENT.

JARED.

JASON.

LOAD HIM IN THE TRUCK.

GO GO GO!

"YOU SEE THAT?

"THERE?

"THAT BOUGHT US OUR OPENING..."

AVENGERS HIDEOUT, BROOKLYN.

THOR IS DOWN, BUT HE'S NOT OUT.

OKAY.

LISTEN UP...

I KNOW I'VE BEEN AWAY FOR A WHILE.

BUT NOW I'M BACK, AND I LOOK AROUND, AND I CAN'T STAND WHAT I SEE.

OSBORN! I DON'T CARE WHO PUT HIM IN POWER AND I DON'T CARE WHAT HE DID TO GET THERE...

ALL I SEE NOW IS A MADMAN LEADING A MARCH OF TROOPS INTO BATTLE AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME I CAN'T SEE WHY.

TO ME IT LOOKS AND FEELS A LOT LIKE THE EVENTS THAT MADE ME WANT TO BE CAPTAIN AMERICA IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I KNOW NOT EVERYONE HERE SEES EYE-TO-EYE...

AND I KNOW WE'VE HAD TO GO SO FAR AS TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST EACH OTHER...

BUT IF YOU CAME HERE TONIGHT, IF YOU CHOSE TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED..

THEN I THINK YOU AGREE WITH ME.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE BACK THIS COUNTRY.

OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES ARE BEING ATTACKED, MAYBE KILLED.

AND WE'RE GOING TO GO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

ALL OF US.

SPIDER-WOMAN

MS. MARVEL

LUKE CAGE

HAWKEYE

EDEN FESI

STATURE

SPEED

HELLFIRE

PATRIOT

SPIDER-MAN

CAPTAIN AMERICA

WICCAN

SLINGSHOT

PHOBOS

NICK FURY

THE VISION

QUAKE

HULKLING

STEVE ROGERS

RONIN

MOCKINGBIRD

STONEWALL

OLIVIER / MORALES

ASGARD.

WHAT IS MARIA HILL EVEN DOING HERE?!

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN INCONCLUSIVE.

I'LL GLADLY GO AFTER HER.

NO, KARLA, I'M SENDING WOLVERINE.

HE'LL TRACK HER.

VICTORIA?

I'M HERE.

YOU TELL DAKEN HE HAS MY PERMISSION TO TEAR THROUGH THAT TOWN.

INCOMING.

HUAARRGH!

ARES!

YOU LIED!

I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO TO GET YOU INTO BATTLE, ARES.

YOU WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME.

NOT AGAINST ASGARD.

NOT AGAINST MY BROTHERS.

AND I *TOLD* YOU WHAT I WOULD DO, OSBORN! I TOLD YOU TRUE!

I'M GOING TO *PULL OFF* YOUR HEAD, ARMOR AND ALL.

SORRY TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.

I ADMIRE YOU A GREAT DEAL.

CHUCK

ARRRGGHH!

BOOM

SENTRY, I EXPECTED MORE OF YOU...

I THOUGHT US FRIENDS.

MY MISTAKE.

RRRAAGGHH!

KRAKOOM

HHAARR!

HHUUAAAGGH!

KABOOM

madness.

HHHAAA!

CRACK

HUURKK

@#$%, IS HE GOING TO--?

GGKK!

AVENGERS HIDEOUT, BROOKLYN.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING, FURY?

IT'S A S.H.I.E.L.D. MILITARY HELITRANSPORT, CAGE.

WELL, DAMN.

WHERE'D YOU GET IT?

I FORGOT TO GIVE IT BACK WHEN THEY CANNED ME.

AVENGERS, IF YOU'D BE SO KIND, IT'S WAY PAST TIME TO GET GOING...

WE'RE AVENGERS NOW, DAISY?

NO, JERRY. I WAS TALKING TO THE LIVING LEGENDS.

CAP...

LET'S SKIP THE UPCOMING ARGUMENT. YOU TAKE IT.

HERE.

WE GO IN...WE GO IN RIGHT.

NO.

THE SHIELD-- IT'S YOURS NOW, BUCKY.

STEVE, *YOU* NEED TO DO THIS.

YOU WANT TO TAKE THE COUNTRY BACK? YOU NEED TO PUT ON YOUR UNIFORM AND STAND UP.

THE WORLD NEEDS CAPTAIN AMERICA.

WHAT WILL YOU DO, BUCKY?

I'LL DO WHAT I DO.

CHIK CHAK

MASTER ROGERS. HOW VERY GOOD TO SEE YOU ONCE MORE.

JARVIS...

WILL YOU TAKE THIS?

IS THIS-- WHAT I THINK IT IS?

IT'S... JUST IN CASE.

I HAPPEN TO KNOW...HE IS THERE, NEARBY.

BE A GOOD MAN AND HELP HIM, WON'T YOU?

WHAT?!

ALEX, YOU AIN'T GOING INTO THIS.

THIS IS WAR. YOU AIN'T FIGHTING IMMORTALS AND YOU AIN'T FIGHTING YOUR DAD.

KID, YOU'RE TEN YEARS OLD.

BUT I-- YOU TRAINED ME TO--

I'M GOING.

AND THERE AIN'T NOTHING *YOU* CAN DO THAT'LL SCARE ME.

YOU'RE STAYING HERE.

LET'S ROLL!

TURN THOSE DAMN GOD OF FEAR POWERS OFF, KID.

I'VE SEEN ALL THERE IS TO SEE IN THIS WORLD...

AND IF *I'M* TELLING YOU THIS, YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE IT, BUT YOU KNOW IT'S THE DAMN TRUTH.

THIS IS COOL AND ALL, BUT...

...ISN'T IT STILL GOING TO TAKE US, LIKE, ***HOURS*** TO GET TO OKLAHOMA?

EXACTLY.

ARE WE SURE IT'S STILL GOING TO, LIKE, ***BE*** THERE BY THE TIME WE GET THERE?

THIS AIN'T YOUR MAMA'S MINIVAN, WICCAN. THIS IS A S.H.I.E.L.D. TRANSPORT.

HIT IT, DAISY.

IT'S HIT.

UH-- WHAT IS THAT?

IT'S SORTA LIKE A WORMHOLE. RIGHT?

RIGHT.

WHEN YOU ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY NEED TO GET YOUR WORLD SECURITY TASK FORCE AROUND THE WORLD...

BOOM

HOLY--!

SERIOUSLY, NO ONE IS GOING TO GO: "DAMN, I GOTTA GET ME ONE 'A THESE?"

NO ONE?

BROXTON, MAIN STREET.

WOLVERINE, STATUS...

THIS TOWN NEEDS A BATH.

FOCUS! WHERE IS THOR?

I'M TRACKING HIM.

IT'S A GOD-NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.

AND THERE AIN'T NO ONE HELPING US.

CAFE

VICTORIA, I WANT MARTIAL LAW DECLARED ON THE GROUND.

ON THE--?

ON THE TOWN. YES, THE ENTIRE TOWN.

NO ONE IN OR OUT.

YES, SIR.

HOLD ON.

AM HOTEL

GOT HIM.

UH, SIR, WE HAVE VISUAL ON THOR. HE'S ABOUT TO--

DAKEN?

KRAKADOOM

AARRGGHH!

I WILL NOT RUN FROM YOU, OSBORN, NOR YOUR MINIONS.

I WILL NOT HIDE.

I WILL DEFEND MY HOME AND THE HOME OF MY FATHER...

...WITH MY VERY LAST BREATH.

BOB, TAKE TO THE CITY.

GIVE THOR HIS WISH.

OSBORN, THIS IS TASKMASTER.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO TURN AROUND.

WHAT ARE YOU--?

INCOMING.

TO BE CONTINUED...

[FURY PROTOCOL 12]

BLACK WIDOW-EYES ONLY

ENCODED

LOGIN: BLACK WIDOW

PASSWORD: **********

ONE EYE EAGLE DECRYPTION PACKAGE UPLOADED

SECRET WARRIORS DEBRIEFING

TOP SECRET CODE- WHITE

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

RECORDING DATE: 4/6/ 2010

PLACE: FURY SECRET LOCATION 5. NEW YORK CITY

[IN ATTENDANCE]

NICK FURY

QUAKE
AKA DAISY JOHNSON

PHOBOS
AKA ALEXANDER AARON

THE DRUID
AKA SEBASTIAN DRUID

SLINGSHOT
AKA YO-YO RODRIGUEZ

HELLFIRE
AKA J.T. SLADE

STONEWALL
AKA JERRY SLEDGE

EDEN FESI

NICK FURY: Everyone sit down.

SLINGSHOT: Are we in trouble? Y'know, again?

NICK FURY: No.

HELLFIRE: Are you recording this?

NICK FURY: I am.

HELLFIRE: Why?

NICK FURY: This needs to be logged. There needs to be a record.

HELLFIRE: Doesn't that fly in the face of our whole "super secret agents in training" thing we got going?

NICK FURY: Not this time. Sit.

QUAKE: Sit.

HELLFIRE: Sitting. God.

NICK FURY: We've gotten the call.

HELLFIRE: From God?

QUAKE: Shut up.

NICK FURY: As far as you're concerned...yes.

SLINGSHOT: What's going on?

NICK FURY: Captain America. He's back and he is going after Osborn.

DRUID: Captain America's dead.

NICK FURY: Not so much.

HELLFIRE: Captain America? The real one?

NICK FURY: The real one.

HELLFIRE: Not that one hanging out with Luke Cage with the costume that points to his--

NICK FURY: The real one.

DRUID: He died right on the steps of the federal courthouse.

NICK FURY: Kid. You're going to learn, just 'cause you saw it on TV doesn't make it an actual thing.

DRUID: Looked pretty real.

NICK FURY: And yet.

QUAKE: What are we gonna do?

NICK FURY: We're going to team up with Cap's Avengers team and whoever else he can get his hands on and we're going to help him take down Osborn.

HELLFIRE: We're going to war?

NICK FURY: In every sense of the word.

STONEWALL: Are we ready for that?

NICK FURY: You are. You know how I know?

STONEWALL: How?

NICK FURY: ‘Cause it’s time and you have no other choice.

HELLFIRE: Wow. Well, okay.

QUAKE: What’s the plan?

NICK FURY: We’re heading over to the meet now. When we get there you’re going to listen and follow orders.You do what I say or you do what Captain America says. You do exactly as told. None of this wise talk, double talk, sass or wise cracks. You do as you’re told or you will die. When and if I fall, you follow Daisy. You do exactly as she says.

SLINGSHOT: But you’re not going to fall.

NICK FURY: Honey, I will be a primary target. The minute I show my face on the battle-field, both me and Captain America will be the focus of all of Osborn’s aggression. He will try to cut off the head of our resistance by cutting off our heads. Do not kid yourself... this is the real thing.

HELLFIRE: So, like, we may not all be coming back.

NICK FURY: True. But you can say that about any day doing anything.

SLINGSHOT: But you can say that doubly about doing things where large groups of super-powered adults are hitting you and trying to kill you.

NICK FURY: So you will do what you are told. You will, also, not gawk at or, I believe the term is, “geek out” when meeting the Avengers like you did after the Skrull invasion. That was embarrassing and non-productive.

HELLFIRE: I said one thing.

NICK FURY: I’m not talking about you. But watching you hit on Spider-Woman was one of the most embarrassing things I have ever seen and I’ve been alive for almost a hundred years. You need to grow up, grow a pair, and act like you actually belong in a room with adults. You need to listen and not talk.

HELLFIRE: But what if we--?

NICK FURY: I want you to see how the smart people in this room are not interrupting me and listening carefully. That’s part of what makes them smart.

HELLFIRE: Okay, that time you were talking about me.

NICK FURY: The good news, kid, is you are always looking to beat the holy hell out of something and prove what a big boy you are. This is your chance. The leash is off. You take out that hell fire of yours and you burn the world. You, Daisy, Stonewall...you guys are the front line. We touch the ground and you go straight for Osborn. Daisy will try to clear the path, you guys follow Cap and his team and you run into it. Do not blink. Do not stop to look around. I will offer air support. Yo-Yo and Eden, you will help the wounded. If a hero falls, you get them the hell off the playing field. You do not let these nightmares get the killshot. You do not let them get in some torture. Because they will and they want to.

SLINGSHOT: Got it.

NICK FURY: The other good news is that no one will be paying one damn bit of attention to any of you. This is grudge match stuff. These players have been doing this dance with each other for years...and they will be focused on each other. Not you... that's why you will be the edge Captain America needs to win this war. You understand? No one expects a damn thing from you. So if you're smart enough to keep fighting you just might do something that defines your life.

QUAKE: Where are we going to? Where's the fight going to happen?

NICK FURY: Intel says we're going to Asgard.

STONEWALL: Whoa.

NICK FURY: Yeah. And all that said, do you guys remember the Sentry?

HELLFIRE: Sure.

NICK FURY: You do not engage him.

QUAKE: Even me?

NICK FURY: Even you. It's not a matter of being a coward or anything like that. It's math. You can't beat him. You just can't. You engage that maniac and you're dead. You're ripped in half.

STONEWALL: Then, wait, so how on earth are we going to win this thing?

NICK FURY: Let Thor worry about it.

PHOBOS: My dad's going to be there?

NICK FURY: Intel says Ares is leading the charge. Yes.

PHOBOS: You want me to fight my dad?

NICK FURY: I'll talk to you about that privately.

HELLFIRE: I don't get it...why are we recording this?

NICK FURY: Kid, what I just described to you is the textbook definition of treason. It ain't spy games and it ain't cutesy crap. We are declaring war on the United States. I want it on record it was me who did this. I want it known it was me.

HELLFIRE: Like, we're just kids under your scary influence.

NICK FURY: You are. Prepare to be taken as a prisoner of war if we fail. Prepare to be treated as an enemy of the state. If we do not win, and you live, that is what is coming. All the other things we've been working towards, all of it means nothing if we do not do this. Osborn has to be removed. He is a threat to the American way of life and that's that. Got it?

QUAKE: Yes sir.

NICK FURY: Good. Suit up. Shut up. We're leaving in five.

End of transmission

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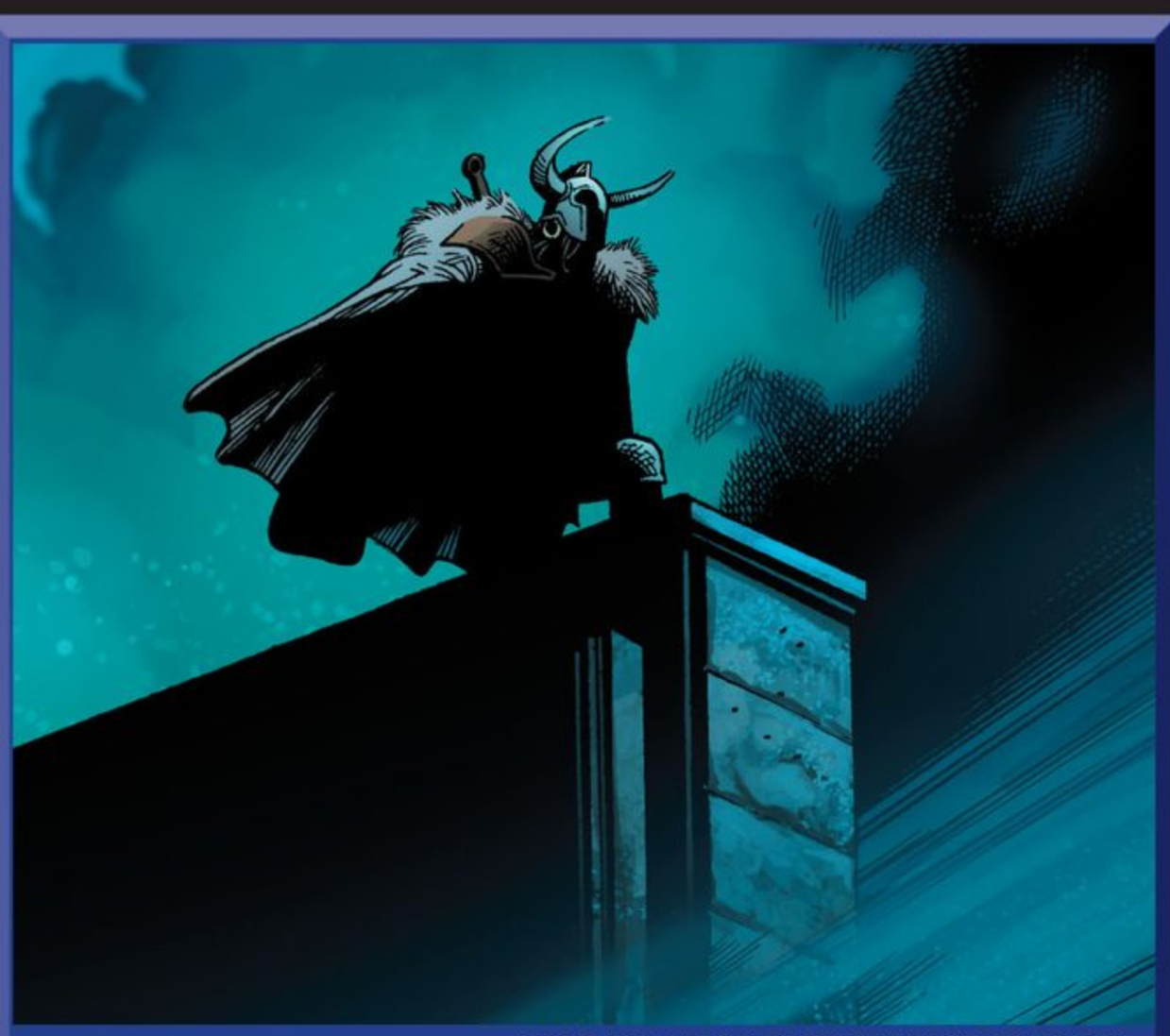
THE MISSING TEXT FROM SIEGE #1! SORRY 'BOUT THAT, FOLKS!

and our way of life.
THE SENTRY: Because?
NORMAN OSBORN: Yes. There are other ways to look at it. But that's not what we are here to do. We are put on this Earth to see a thing like this as a threat and a threat that needs to be dealt with. That is what we are charged to do. Others can sit back and fantasize about a world of immortals and mortals cohabitating together in Xanadu and euphoria. We do not get to do that. We are men of war. Ares?
ARES: We will have one chance at a surprise attack. One and one only. The target of the attack is clear. You see the outpost? There.
ARES: There is our primary target.
TASKMASTER: What is it?
ARES: That is Heimdall's observatory. Heimdall is their protector. He protects the gates of the realm and watches over all others. He can see and hear as far as creation.
TASKMASTER: So maybe he's watching us?
ARES: One would surmise no. One would imagine he sees no threat here.
HAWKEYE: And he'd be right.
ARES: But the observatory also holds, or once held, the entrance to the Bifröst. The legendary rainbow bridge that allows any Asgardian under Odin's rule to travel from one realm to the next. I do not know if this new Asgard still uses Bifröst but if they do, and I would assume so, then the observatory has to be destroyed in our first strike. It is the only chance those living on Asgard will have to call in reinforcements. Asgard has to be cut off. No way in and no way out. You, Robert, you will strike the observatory like a golden bullet. You will destroy it and anyone in it. This will cut them off from calling in reserves and give up the momentary upper hand. From there, we will head as one, as a frontline, toward's Odin's throneroom.
WOLVERINE: And bombing the hell out of the place is out of the question because...?
NORMAN OSBORN: Asgard is right next to, and I mean on top of, a small, all-American town. We are not going to take that risk.
HAWKEYE: Why don't we just use



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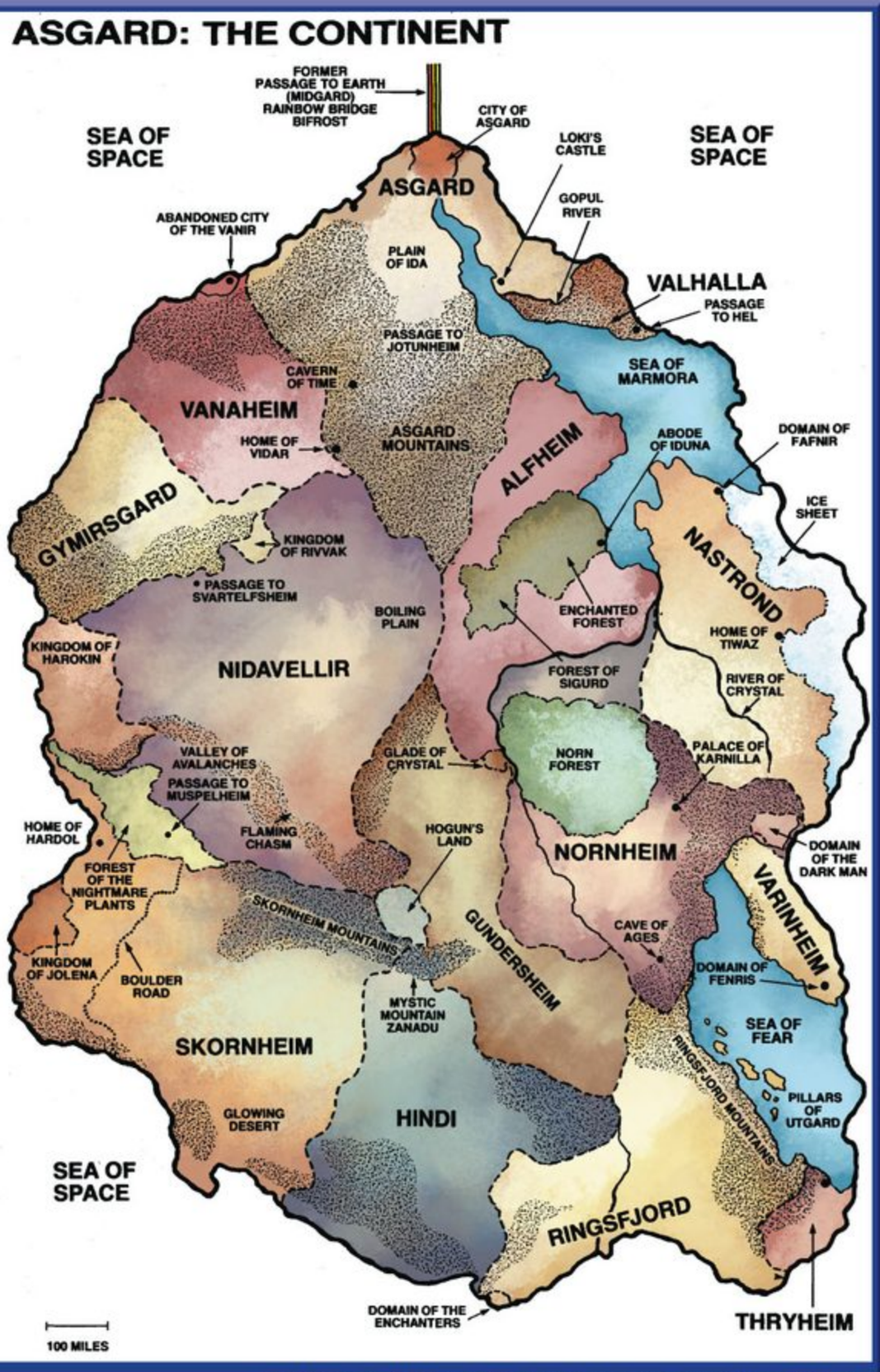

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